Sink or Float?

INSTRUCTIONS: Draw an *X* over the items you think will sink in water. Circle the items you think will float in water.

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- His disciples got in a boat to cross the sea while Jesus went to pray.
- In the middle of the night, Jesus walked on water to the boat.
- Peter started walking on the water to Jesus.
- Peter started to sink when he started to worry about the wind.
- Jesus rescued Peter.

KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 40:5

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to show He is the Son of God.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What was unusual about the way Jesus walked to His friends?
- What happened when Peter started looking around instead of at Jesus?
- How did Jesus show that we can trust Him?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Visit a pool as a family. Try to walk on water. Talk about the miracle of Jesus walking on water.
- Walk around your neighborhood. Pray sentence prayers for your neighbors as you walk.

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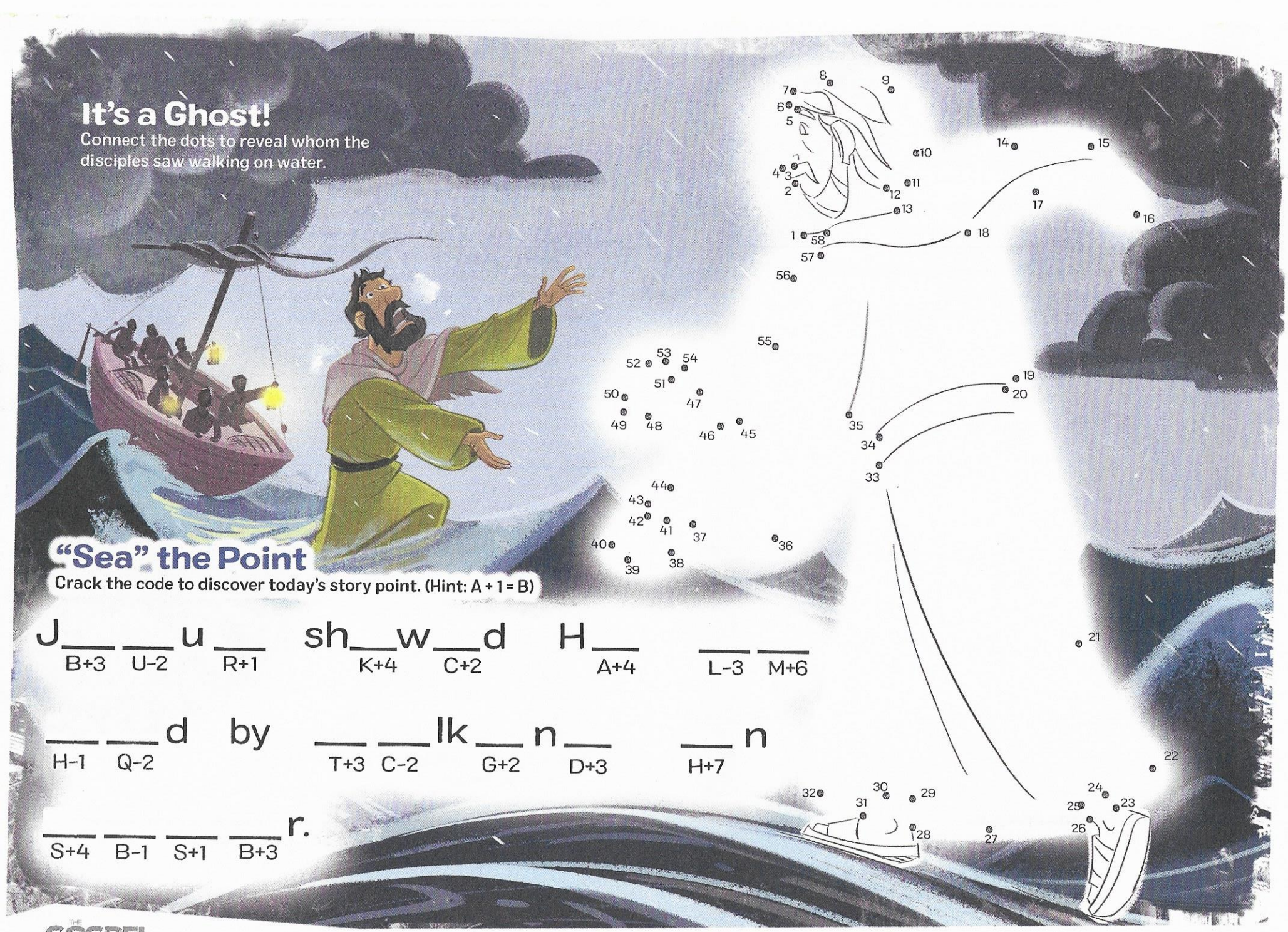
Connect the dots to reveal whom the disciples saw walking on water.



"Sea" the Point

Crack the code to discover today's story point. (Hint: A + 1 = B)

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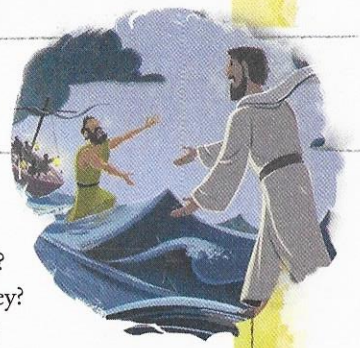


- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What do you do when you feel afraid?
- How do you feel knowing God's Spirit is always with you?
- What can you do when you start to doubt God?

Jesus Walked on Water

Matthew 14; Mark 6; John 6

STORY POINT: JESUS SHOWED HE IS GOD BY WALKING ON WATER.

Jesus had been teaching crowds of people by the Sea of Galilee. It was getting late, so He told His disciples to get into the boat and go to the other side of the sea. Jesus went up on the mountain to pray by Himself.

That evening, the boat was far from the shore. The wind blew, and the waves tossed the boat around.

Around three in the morning, Jesus came toward His disciples, walking on the sea. The disciples were terrified.

"It's a ghost!" they cried.

Right away, Jesus spoke to them. "Have courage! It's Me. Do not be afraid."

Peter answered, "Lord, if it really is You, tell me to come to You on the water."

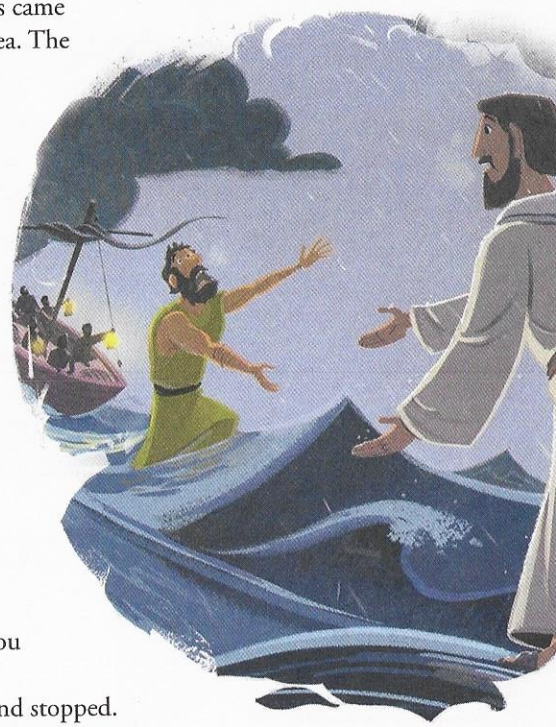
So Jesus said, "Come!"

Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water toward Jesus. But when Peter saw how strongly the wind was blowing, he was afraid. Peter began to sink.

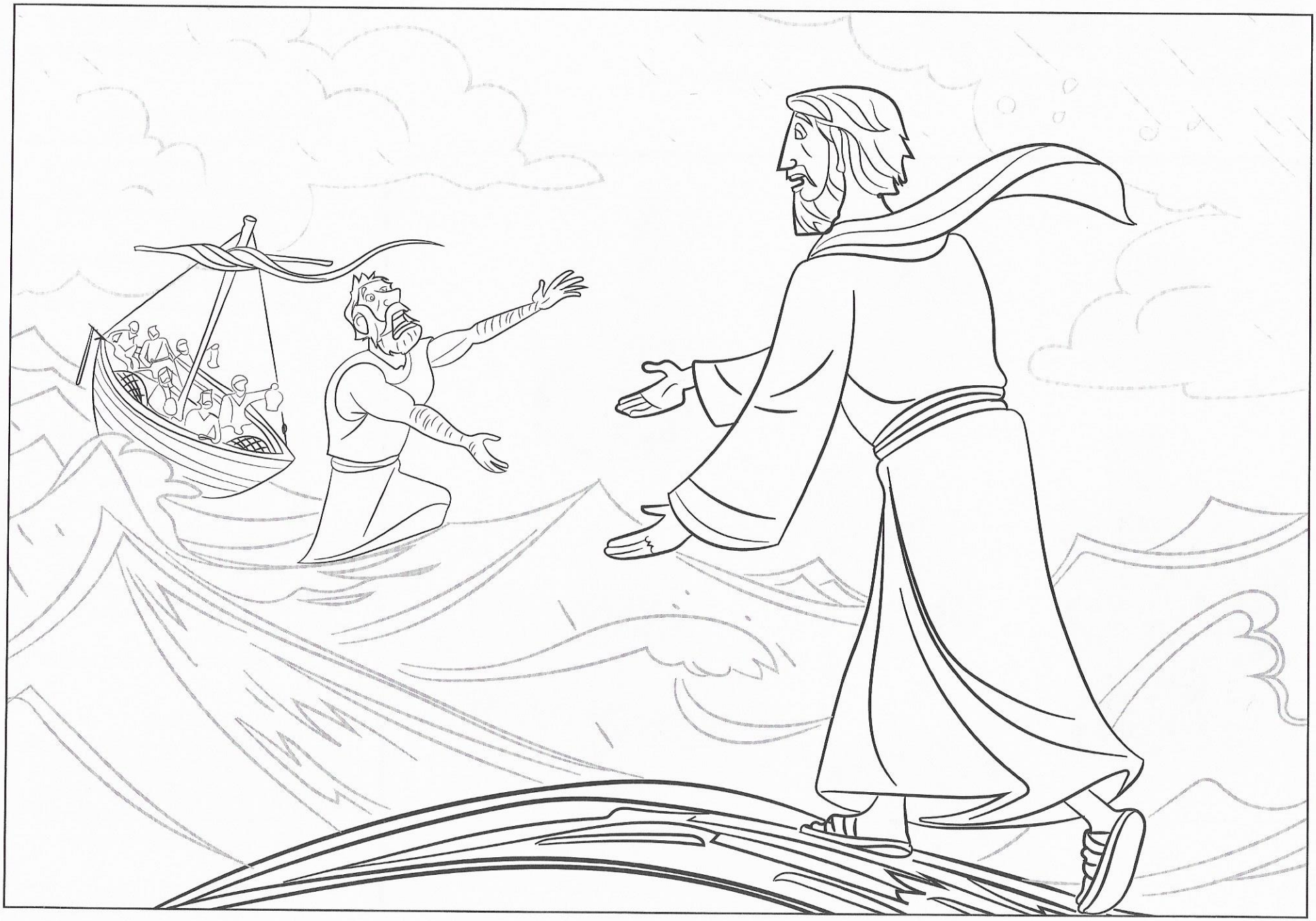
"Lord, save me!" he cried.

Jesus reached out His hand and grabbed Peter. Jesus said, "Why did you doubt?"

They got into the boat and the wind stopped. Then everyone in the boat worshiped Jesus and said, "Truly You are the Son of God."

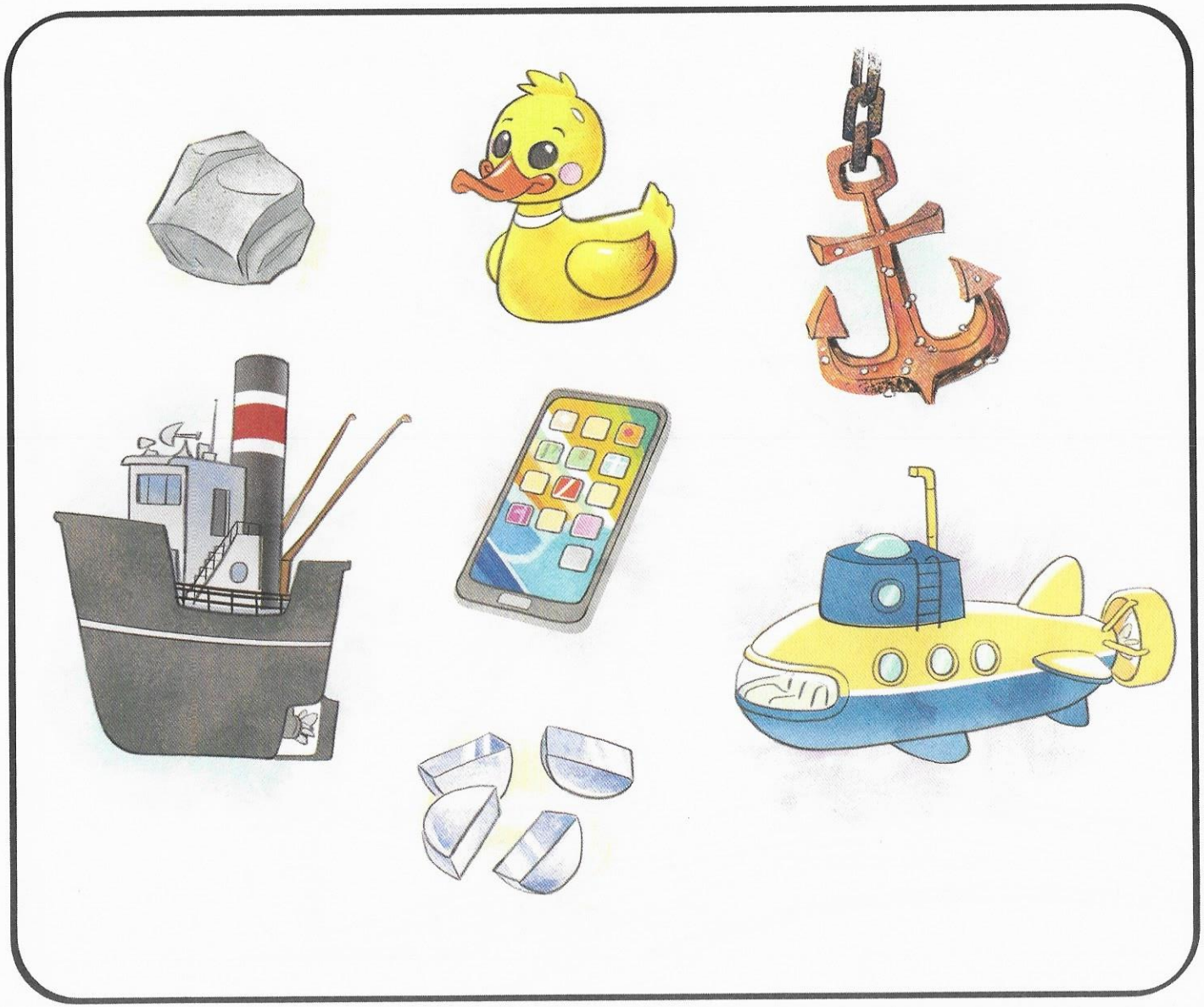


Christ Connection: Jesus proved that He can be trusted. His miracles, teaching, death, and resurrection showed that He is who He says He is. Only Jesus can save us when we look to Him in faith.



Sink, Sank, Sunk

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle things that would float in water. Cross out things that would sink.



BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- After feeding the crowd, Jesus sent His disciples back across the sea while He stayed behind to pray.
- Another storm came upon the disciples' boat.
- Jesus came to them, walking on the surface of the sea.
- Jesus showed He is God by walking on water.

KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 40:5

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to glorify God, to show He is the Son of God, and to care for people.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why can Jesus do things that would normally be impossible?
- How does this Bible story help us trust Jesus more?
- When is it hard to have faith in God?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Find a body of water, like a pond or a lake. Teach your kids to skip rocks across the surface. Remind them that Jesus' power proves He is God's Son. Only He can save us.

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